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Delaware Law School

To: First Year (1L) Students in the Juris Doctor Program
From: Professors Maryann Brown and Alice Eakin, Orientation Coordinators
Re: Orientation 2024 JDEdge Assignments
Date: June 24, 2024

This memorandum provides your [Orientation](#) assignments from the **JDEdge** online program, which you should complete in the coming weeks. Additional memoranda will follow in July with assignments for the [Delaware Law Engages](#) portion of Orientation, as well as an [Orientation Reading Supplement](#). These materials are designed to maximize your opportunity to get the most from your legal education from day one.

As explained in the Introductory Orientation memorandum, we've partnered with AccessLex Institute®, the largest nonprofit organization focusing on access, affordability, and the value of legal education for aspiring lawyers, to bring you JDEdge by AccessLex SM, an online, asynchronous program with some live sessions, designed specifically for rising 1Ls. JDEdge will remain available to you throughout your first semester.

Registering for JDEdge: In order to access the JDEdge program, you'll need to take a moment to register for an account. Visit [AskEDNA.AccessLex.org](https://www.AskEDNA.AccessLex.org) and click on the "register" button at the top of the page. Your name, email address, school and class year are all you need to log in to the program, personalize your experience, and track your progress. No other personal information is required, and all information remains confidential. Once you're registered, be sure to bookmark the landing page for easy access for the rest of the summer and through the end of the fall semester.

JDEdge Assignments: JDEdge includes over 20 hours of videos, classes, and exercises designed to introduce key concepts for the study and practice of law. We've curated these materials to create a tailored list of assignments that you should complete in the coming weeks, prior to Orientation. The assigned components of the program will take you approximately four hours to complete and will complement other Orientation assignments and programming. You are of course free to participate in all additional aspects of the JDEdge program at your preference - we encourage you to explore all the offerings to see what interests you!

As you'll see, the program is divided into modules; only some of the module components are assigned for you to complete, as follows:

Module 1: Introduction to Law School

- **Getting Help at Your Law School** (video) - 7 mins
- **Time Management** (video) - 8 mins

- **A Primer on the Law** (reading/interactive lesson) - 15 mins
- **Overview of the Judicial System** (video) - 6 mins

Module 2: Preparing for Class - Before, During, and After

- **Case Method: Case Reading and Briefing** (video) - 15 mins
- **Socratic Method: Engaging in Class** (video) - 13 mins
- **Class is Adjourned, Now What?** (reading/interactive lesson) - 15 mins
- **Rule Synthesis and Creating Study Materials** (video) - 21 mins

Module 3: Preparing for Exams

- **From the Case Method to the Exam Method: Legal Analysis and Analogizing/Distinguishing** (video) – 12 mins
- **IRAC: Writing for Law School Exams** (video) – 13 mins
- **Methods of Memorization** (video) – 11 mins

Module 4: Preparing for Law Practice

- **Overview of the Road to Licensure** (video) – 14 mins
- **Character and Fitness Evaluation** (reading/interactive lesson) – 15 mins
- **Funding Your Bar Exam Experience** (reading/interactive lesson) – 15 mins
- **Managing the Stress of Law School** (reading/interactive lesson) – 15 mins
- **Professionalism Expectations: What Your Professors Expect You to Know** (video) – 8 mins

Module 5: Moving Forward

- **Reflection: The Key to Unlocking Better Learning** (video) – 8 mins
- **Remembering Your Why: Law School is Hard. Remember Why You're Here** (video) – 3 mins
- **Mindset Matters** (video) 5 mins

Additional Resources

- **Sources of Authority** (video) – 10 mins
- **Stages of Civil Litigation** (video) – 11 mins

As noted above, your Orientation assignments for Delaware Law Engages and the Orientation Reading Supplement will be provided in the coming weeks via email and on the Orientation web page.

In the meantime, feel free to contact Associate Dean Eakin at aeekin@widener.edu or Professor Brown at mbrown@widener.edu if you have any questions about Orientation or these assignments. We look forward to meeting you next month!